

testimony given by JOHN KERRY in 1971 in condemning our troops.

Mr. KERRY testified that American soldiers from top to bottom committed human rights violations, "cutting off ears, murder, rape, destruction," et cetera. The problem is, he relied on reports by a group of supposed Vietnam veterans who were not what they seemed. They claimed to be former Vietnam veterans. They were not. They were frauds. They were out only to discredit the military and our country.

But JOHN KERRY never repudiated or apologized for his statements. Instead, he has excused his behavior to youth. Now his misleading, inaccurate, hateful words are being used by a government with an atrocious human rights record against the United States.

That was a difficult time in our history. Passion and tensions were high. Whatever one's opinion of Vietnam, our troops suffered because of this kind of false witness to their efforts in Vietnam; and as a Vietnam veteran, I think Mr. KERRY should apologize once and for all and disavow those statements as false before other nations decide to use them.

SAUDI ARABIAN ANTI-SEMITISM

(Ms. BERKLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to speak out against the continued pattern of anti-Semitism and racism by the Saudi royal family.

Last month, Crown Prince Abdullah was quoted as telling Saudi television that "Zionists" were behind the May 1 attack on contractors at the Saudi oil facility in Yanbu. The Crown Prince was also quoted in a story appearing in a Saudi newspaper as saying, "Our country is targeted; you know who is behind all of this. It is Zionism."

Enough is enough.

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This is not the first time I have come to the floor to protest hatred emanating from the kingdom. It is the first time that I have come to the floor to protest the scapegoating of Israel and the Jewish people when, in fact, it was Saudi radicals who perpetrated these attacks. And it is not the first time that I have spoken of the danger of fueling the fires of religious extremism and hatred.

The irony is that it is the Saudis who have exported their homegrown terrorists throughout the world and have financed these murders for over 20 years. Only now when their own terrorists have turned back against the Saudi Royal Family are they remotely concerned with anything about terrorism.

Continually spreading and advancing of hateful and anti-Semitic rhetoric only provides ammunition who those who would support and condemn terrorism. Enough is enough. The Saudis have to stop.

VOTE YES ON THE SPENDING CONTROL ACT

(Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, for years, the Democrats have offered a simple approach to the American economy: Increased taxes on the hard working American people. For starters, we voted down three proposals by the Democrats during the debate on the budget. Each would have raised taxes by over its \$00 billion minimum to the American people.

Last year Republicans rejected Democrats' alternatives to major legislation that would have added almost \$1 trillion to the deficit, Mr. Speaker. Now I understand that they may be proposing a resolution to the floor calling for billions and billions of dollars of, again, increased taxes to the hard working American people.

I hope, and this week we should have a chance, to reign in spending by voting in favor of the Spending Control Act and some amendments to that Act.

As a member of the Committee on the Budget, Mr. Speaker, I have heard endless rhetoric by our friends the Democrats about the deficit, but at the end of the day, all they propose is more spending and more taxes. If they are serious, Mr. Speaker, about reducing the deficit, then they will join us voting yes on the Spending Control Act.

STOP THE CUTS IN VETERANS' HEALTH CARE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 4th of July, I rise in sharp disagreement with the priorities of this administration for our veterans. Americans everywhere will tell you that we owe our Nation's veterans a huge debt of gratitude. We must fulfill the promises we have made to them. During a time when hundreds of thousands of our troops stand in harm's way, we certainly must live up to our commitments to veterans. They deserve the very best health care our Nation can provide.

I believe all of us in Congress feel the same way, but why, then, will no one from the other side stand up to reject the Bush administration's plan to cut 900 million from veterans health care next year after the election? That is another massive cut coming on top of the budget that already underfunds veterans' health care by \$1 billion.

Mr. Speaker, our veterans do not deserve this and they cannot afford it. I urge my colleagues to demand the Bush administration to stop the cuts in veterans health care.

AMERICAN FAMILY BUDGET ACT

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the question on the hearts and minds of millions of Americans was expressed last week on the editorial pages of the Wall Street Journal. Will Republicans step up to control spending? In an age where we have seen an extraordinary increase in non-defense discretionary spending, as a conservative member of this institution, it is my honest hope that we will answer in the affirmative to that question.

And thanks to the leadership of the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. RYAN), the gentleman from California (Mr. COX), the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HENSARLING) and the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. CHOCOLA) with the American Family Budget Act Congress is poised to do just that.

Tomorrow we will consider the first major budget process reform in 3 decades on Capitol Hill. And their initiatives will be a part of the amendments. But some now are considering not even bringing budget process reform to the floor.

And I rise today to say, Mr. Speaker, that we must today answer the question in the affirmative. Will Republicans step up and control spending? To answer yes, Republicans must bring spending reform to the floor tomorrow. Debate it, amend it, and say yes to the American people that fiscal discipline is alive and well in the House of Representatives and in this Republican majority.

JOBS ARE COMING BACK IN OUR ECONOMY

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, in this very negative bitter political year, we hear a lot of negative stories. I want to talk about something that is good that is happening in America, and that is jobs are coming back in our economy.

If you take a look at what is happening in this economy, our U.S. economy is growing at the fastest rate it has grown in 20 years. We have added 1.4 million jobs in economy since last August alone.

In my home State of Wisconsin, where we are so dependent on manufacturing jobs, we are seeing a great recovery in manufacturing. Over 3,000 jobs just last month alone in high paid manufacturing jobs, almost 12,000 jobs in total alone last month in the State of Wisconsin.

So what is happening is the tax cuts that passed a year ago, the good economic policies that have been put in place, the seeds that were planted are bearing fruit and we are now on the